GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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MISUSE OF ANTI DOWRY ACT
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cases of misuse of anti dowry Act by women have come to the notice of the Government during each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the conviction rate under the said Act is very low, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government proposes to amend the existing Act or enact a new legislation to eliminate the misuse of its provisions by women and to improve the conviction rate therein; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA SANJAY GANDHI)

(a) to (c): The National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), does not maintain specific data on this regard. As per Seventh Schedule, 'Police' and 'Public Order' are State subjects under the Constitution, and as such the primary responsibility of prevention, detection, registration, investigation and prosecution of crime lies with the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations.

(d) & (e): Adequate safeguards are available under existing laws to deal with misuse of legal provisions, if any. The Ministry regularly reviews the implementation of various legislations and if required, necessary amendments are carried out for effective implementation.